TC 3700 MAIL ROOM

390.00 DP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the PATENT application of

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For:

Temperature Control System and Method for Heating and

Maintaining Medical Items at Desired Temperatures

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

--l(Amended). A temperature control system for heating medical items to desired temperatures comprising:

a system housing;

a heating chamber disposed within said housing for receiving at least one medical item and heating said at least one medical item to a desired temperature, wherein said heating chamber includes:

at least one receptacle each for receiving a corresponding medical item and heating

said corresponding medical item to said desired temperature, wherein said each receptacle is defined